

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JUNE 16, 2008  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman  
David D. Macy, Clerk  
James T. Collingwood Sr.

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator  
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of minutes for June 2, 2008 was put on hold until the next meeting on July 7, 2008.

**EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT- CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Due to recent resignations, the Conservation Commission does not have a quorum. Administrator Kellogg explained that Town Meeting vote allows the Selectmen the ability to appoint themselves to the Board of Health and Zoning Board of Appeals but they are also allowed to appoint members on a temporary basis to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Macy moved to appoint Julie Hannum and James T. Collingwood Sr. as temporary emergency members of the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT APPLICANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chairman Hannum announced two applicants for the position of Health Inspector:  
George Oleen  
Ari Zorn  
The appointment will be made on July 7, 2008.

**FY09 APPOINTMENTS:**

Selectman Macy moved to appoint the following:

Agricultural Commission Alternate: David Smith Sr. – 1 year

Animal Control Officer: Richard Boardman – 1 year

Animal Inspector: Richard Boardman – Already appointed by Board of Health – 1 year

Ashley Falls Historic District Commission: John A. James - 2 year, Robert Pasquilina - 2year,  
Sandra Preston – 2 year

Assistant Town Administrator: Rhonda LaBombard – 3 year  
BRPC Delegate – Alternate: Rene Wood – 1 year

Board of Health: Dick Kirchner – 3 year, David Smith Sr. – 3 year  
Board of Registrars: Marjorie Consolini - 2 year  
Building Inspector: Thomas M. Carmody – 3 year  
Constable: Bruce H. Person – 1 year, James M. McGarry – 1 year  
Council on Aging: Natalie Funk – 3 year  
Cultural Council: Stephen Hyer – 2 year  
Electrical Inspector: Richard Cappadona – 1 year  
Electrical Inspector – Assistant: Kenneth Kushi – 1 year  
Emergency Management Coordinator: Edward McCormack – 1 year  
Emergency Management Director: James M. McGarry – 1 year  
Emergency Services: Michelle Ball, Sara Ball, Debra Beham, Rebecca Beham, Honor Blume, Carolann Boardman, Rene Boardman, Sheri Boardman, Jean Funk, Jamie Getchell, Rose Glaszcz, Virginia Markham, Marsha Pshenishny, Karen Robarge, Angel Rote, Judith Ullrich, Shannon Ullrich-Keefner  
Fire Chief: Rick Boardman – 1 year  
Fire Department: C. Bachetti, N. Ball, P. Batacchi, R. Beham, D. Blume, R. Boardman, F. Borrows, A. Carlotto, J. Cronin, J. Foster, M. Funk, B. Getchell, J. Gulotta, S. Hyer, R. Martin, B. Ovitt, M. Ovitt, B. Poulter, J. Pshenishny, R. Robarge, S. Rote, J. Smith, D. Ullrich, J. Ullrich, W. Wilkinson  
Five Town Cable Advisory Committee: Paul O'Brien – 1 year, George Oleen - 1 year  
Gas & Piping Inspector: Robert Krupski – 1 year  
Assistant Gas & Piping Inspector: Robert Gennari – 1 year  
Assistant Highway Superintendent: Edward Lord – 3 year  
Historical Commission: Carl Proper – 3 year  
Local Emergency Planning Committee: James M. McGarry – 1 year, Joseph A. Kellogg – 1 year  
Park and Recreation Committee: Joseph Wilkinson – 1 year, Grace Campbell – 1 year, Vito Valentini – 1 year, Michael Ovitt – 1 year, Kevin Joyce – 1 year  
Parking Clerk: Felecie Joyce – 1 year  
Plumbing Inspector: Robert Krupski – 1 year  
Assistant Plumbing Inspector: Robert Gennari – 1 year  
Public Weigher: Patricia Gillespie – 1 year, Michael Pezzee -1 year, James M. McGarry – 1 year, Robert A. Ullrich – 1 year  
Recycling Coordinator: David J. Steindler – 1 year  
Southern Berk. District Veterans Service Delegate: Dick Kirchner – 1 year  
Town Accountant: James McCormick – 3 year  
Town Counsel: Sarah Bell – 1 year  
Town Counsel – Special: Kopelman and Paige -1 year, Mirick O'Connell – 1 year  
Treasurer/Collector; Michael C. Ovitt – 3 year  
Assistant Treasurer/Collector; Barbara Roraback – 3 year  
  
Tree Warden: Ronald Bassett – 1 year  
Veterans Agent: Peter Saunders – 1 year  
Selectman Collingwood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Jack Pollitt and Eric Blackburn to the SBRSD School Committee for two-year terms, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to appoint Bart Ellsback to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to appoint James T. Collingwood, Sr., Eric Blackburn, and David West to one-year terms as Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to send a letter of thanks to Dek Tillett for his service on the School Committee, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to send a letter of thanks to Barbara West for her service on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy read a list of vacant positions and asked residents to become more involved with Town government. There are currently 32 vacant positions on Board and Committees.

Moderator Bruce H. Person sent a letter advising that he has appointed David J. Steindler to the Finance Committee. Selectman Macy moved to ratify the appointment of David J. Steindler by Moderator Person to the Finance Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SOUTH BERKSHIRE HHW AGREEMENT EXTENSION:**

Center for Ecological Technology sent a letter requesting an extension through FY09 of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) agreement at a cost of \$2,700. Selectman Macy moved to extend the HHW through FY09, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **AMERICAN LEGION:**

American Legion member Dale Alden was present. The Legion has approved moving the monument from the Village Green to Barnard Park. The site map of the location at the park was not available. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting on July 7, 2008.

#### **PINE ISLAND FARM MANURE DIGESTER:**

Chairman Hannum noted that Board of Selectmen sent a letter of support for Pine Island Farm, the largest farm in Berkshire County, for a grant application for a manure digester. Selectman Macy moved to support the grant application of Pine Island Farm for a manure digester, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BREATHING AIR STATION BIDS:**

One bid was received and opened this afternoon but was unacceptable. Administrator Kellogg recommended that this issue be passed over.

#### **SOLID WASTE FY09 USER FEE:**

Inserts explaining the new billing system for the Transfer Station will be included with the Real Estate Tax bills. Residents wishing to use the Transfer Station will need to purchase a sticker. No bills will be mailed. Residents not using the Transfer Station will have the ability to purchase permits for recycling and/or bulky waste. The cost for FY09 will be as follows:

Residential \$129

Commercial \$ 35

Senior Citizen \$ 85

Selectman Macy moved to adopt the Solid Waste User Fees as presented for FY09, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**SOLID WASTE USER FEE ABATEMENTS:**

The Board reviewed four applications for FY08 Solid Waste User Fee Abatements from residents that dispose of their trash at a location other than the Transfer Station. Selectman Macy moved to grant the four abatements, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

Selectman Collingwood requested a stop sign at the intersection of Old Joe Road and Home Road. Administrator Kellogg will follow up on the sign.

Selectman Macy reminded residents that the roadside mowing would not be completed until July due to the depletion of Highway Department funds.

Chairman Hannum reminded residents of the celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2008 for Sheffield's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

Administrator Kellogg again explained the new system for Transfer Station permits and asked residents to look for information on the new system in their real estate tax bills.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bart Ellsbach thanked the Board for his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Hannum noted that a Southern Berkshire Technology Committee is being formed with several towns to work on bringing broadband to all residents. Selectman Macy moved to support the formation of a Southern Berkshire Technology Committee, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Macy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard  
Assistant Town Administrator